

Percent Change in Contributing Factor for Reason for Removal in the United States 2012-2016

	Percentage Change
Parental Death	-42.86%
Child Disability	-31.03%
Child Behavior Problem	-27.14%
Child AOD	-24.24%
Caretaker Inability to Cope	-19.37%
Sexual Abuse	-14.58%
Physical Abuse	-12.84%
Relinquishment	-9.09%
Abandonment	-2.00%
Inadequate Housing	-0.91%
Parent Incarceration	5.63%
Neglect	8.40%
Parental AOD	14.98%

Despite the undercount by states, the percentage of children entering foster care that had parent drug abuse reported as a reason for removal increased from 30.7% in 2012 to 35.3% in 2016. This is the largest increase of any reason for removal.